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Question Time: Hoosiers buying booze on Christmas?

What do you think of this change in state law?

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Today, as you surely know, is Christmas. And, for decades here in Indiana that has meant you can't buy alcohol at any open stores. For the first time in years, though, that restriction has come to an end.

"In case you've forgotten, last December Gov. Mike Pence signed House Bill 1542 that removed a longtime state provision that made it illegal to sell alcoholic beverages from 3 a.m. Dec. 25 to 7 a.m. Dec. 26. The bill went into effect on July 1, making this Christmas the first to allow sales since Prohibition," reported The Indianapolis Star's Amy Haneline on Dec. 16.

"Although many businesses are closed on Christmas Day — restaurants, bars, liquor stores and groceries that open will be allowed to sell alcohol.

However, the state's Sunday carry-out restrictions remain. Corporal

Brandon Thomas with Indiana State Excise Police wrote in an email: 'If

Christmas falls on a Sunday, bars, restaurants and other locations that sell

alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption would still be able to do so. Liquor stores, convenience stores, grocery stores, and other retailers that sell carry out would not.' Christmas falls on a Sunday in 2016."

So, we wanted to know: "What do you think of this change?"

Your answers

"Now if they let us purchase on Sunday also, that would be great." — **Mark Blanks**

"If there's ever a time you need a drink, it's the winter holidays!" — **Jan Wall**

"You should be smart enough to buy ahead before holidays and Sunday's if you feel you have to drink. This means someone will have to work while you don't." — **Vicci Lucas**

Our answers

"I don't drink alcohol and my family isn't planning to on the holiday, so I hadn't particularly noticed the change. I were planning on serving wine, I probably would have gotten it ahead of time, anyway, like I did the rest of the ingredients for Christmas dinner." — **Sarah Einselen**

"I have mixed feelings on the subject. I'm one of the people who thinks stores should be closed on Christmas, but at the same time, if they're going

to be open, they may as well be allowed to sell alcohol. People do get together to celebrate the holiday, so it makes sense to me for them be able to buy alcohol if they choose to.” — **Kaylee Harden**

“To me, it’s about the principle of the thing more than anything else. I think liquor should be available for purchase 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The fact Indiana still has such restrictions is puritanical nonsense. You may ask: Why not buy the liquor during the days it is available? I ask: Why should I have to? And, if that’s true why not restrict it further if you like the idea so much? There’s no credible defense for our current policy. Alas, I realize there’s no way to argue against it without sounding like an alcoholic with no planning skills.” — **Rob Burgess**

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